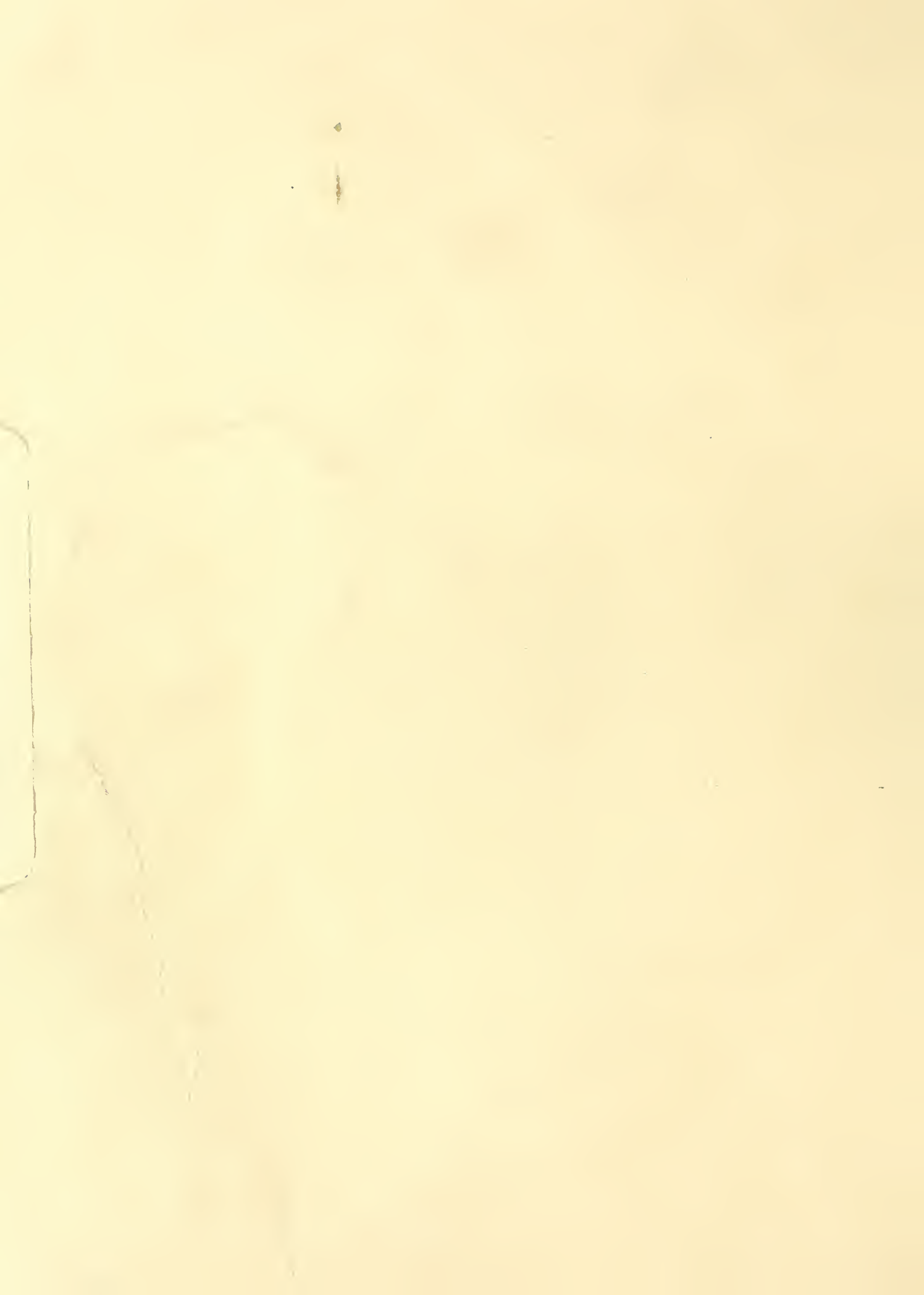


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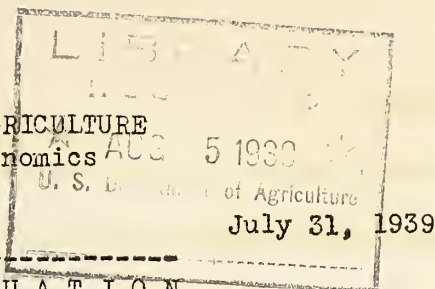
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THE VEGETABLE SITUATION  
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Summary

Generally smaller supplies of fresh vegetables and potatoes, and at least slightly improved demand conditions, are in prospect for the next several months compared with a year earlier, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. As a result of this situation market prices of vegetables in the third week of July averaged slightly higher than in the corresponding period of 1938. Prices had declined seasonally, however, from those prevailing in late June.

In the current issue of the Vegetable Situation, the Bureau points out that the supply of intermediate potatoes is unusually short this season and market prices rose sharply in early July. This was a contra-seasonal movement in prices and has maintained the averages substantially above the relatively low levels of a year earlier. The potato crop in the late States, which begin to market heavily in late September, is slightly larger than in 1938 but below the recent 10-year average.

Production of sweetpotatoes is indicated to be about 3 percent larger than in 1938. Marketings of the new crop are just getting started as those of the old crop are finishing and prices averaged substantially higher than a year earlier.

Summer supplies of truck crops for fresh market are indicated to be generally smaller than last year, despite a slightly larger planted acreage.

Growing conditions for many vegetables have been unfavorable until recently when rains resulted in considerable improvement. Although market prices of a number of these crops in the third week in July were slightly lower than a year earlier, the general level appears to be slightly higher.

The prospect for truck crops for canning or manufacture indicates smaller crops generally. The reductions are due largely to sharply reduced planted acreages but in some instances yields per acre are expected to be smaller also. In view of the large carry-over stocks of most canned vegetables, however, it appears that total supplies will be ample for average consumption in 1939-40.

A sharp reduction in production of dry beans is in prospect this season but relatively large carry-over stocks are expected to maintain the total supply well in line with average disappearance for the last few years.

#### POTATOES

The supply of potatoes available for the late summer months is indicated to be considerably smaller than a year earlier and demand conditions for the period are expected to average somewhat higher. As a result of this situation market prices of potatoes, although fluctuating widely in recent weeks, have held to substantially higher levels than in the early summer of 1938.

Production in both the commercial and non-commercial areas of the intermediate States this season is indicated to be sharply lower than a year ago. Commercial production in the 2 intermediate groups combined totals only 16.4 million bushels, against 21.7 million last year and the 1928-37 average of 20.7 million bushels. Besides the production in these areas, a number of late States market early maturing varieties during the summer months but no definite information is available as to the size of this part of the late crop. Total production in many of these late States is indicated to be smaller than last year. In New England, however, the crop is somewhat larger.

Production in the 30 late States (excluding the California early crop) is indicated to total 291 million bushels, or about 4 million more than in 1938 but 9.5 million less than the recent 10-year average. The total late



and intermediate crop, which constitutes the principal source of market supplies for the next 9 months, is slightly smaller than a year earlier and about 5 percent smaller than the 1928-37 average. The late crop this season is indicated to be larger than last year in the 8 eastern States, but smaller in the 10 central and 12 western States, (excluding California early). The supply is below average in all 3 groups. Growing conditions in most northeastern and north central States and in Washington and Oregon have been favorable but in Idaho and Colorado the development of the crop has been retarded by cool dry weather. Since the first of July relatively high temperatures and insufficient rainfall have been reported for the northeastern States.

The weekly carlot movement of potatoes has decreased sharply in recent weeks, partly because of seasonal factors and partly because of the sharp reduction in production in the intermediate States. Usually the source of market supplies for this period of the year shifts to those areas which ship largely by motor-truck, and the rail and boat movement subsides until early September when marketings of the major late States attain volume. In the week ended July 22 the carlot movement totaled 1,700 cars compared with 5,100 cars a month earlier, and 2,326 cars a year earlier.

#### SWEETPOTATOES

Production of sweetpotatoes in 1939 is indicated to total 78.9 million bushels or about 3 percent more than was produced in 1938 and 12 percent more than the average for the last 10 years. The larger crop this season is due in part to a slightly larger acreage for harvest and in part to slightly higher indicated yield per acre. Sweetpotato prospects are greatly improved over last year's short crop in the 4 Central Atlantic Coast States and are improved slightly in the 8 South Central States. In the first area sweetpotatoes are grown largely for the commercial market, whereas, in the second group they are produced largely for food and feed within that area although in recent years a number of these States have been producing increasing quantities for the commercial market. Production in 1939 is larger than the recent 10-year average in every area except the 4 Central Atlantic Coast States and indicates rather plentiful supplies for the 1939-40 marketing and consuming period for all the Southeastern, Central and Western States.

Usually marketings of the old crop end and those of the new crop begin in July. This season a few cars of new crop sweetpotatoes were shipped in the week ended July 1 and the weekly rate had reached 62 cars by the week ended July 22. During this same period shipments of old stock dwindled to only a few scattered cars. Alabama, Florida and Louisiana were supplying most of the new stock.

#### TRUCK CROPS FOR MARKET

Lima beans: Production of lima beans in the second section of intermediate States is indicated to total 321,000 bushels or about 22 percent more than was produced in this area last year. Most of the increase occurred

in New Jersey where yields are expected to be good. Shipments of lima beans at this season of the year are largely by motor truck and, therefore, it is difficult to determine the volume of current marketings. Market prices advanced sharply in late June and early July but lost most of the advance by the third week of the month. They averaged slightly above those of a year earlier.

Snap beans: Production in the third section of intermediate States indicated at 676,000 bushels is only slightly smaller than last year but because of the increased competition from home and market garden supplies market prices of snap beans in the third week of July were sharply lower than a month earlier but were slightly higher than a year ago.

Cabbage: The decrease in the planted acreage of domestic cabbage in the late States from that in 1938 was even greater than earlier intention reports indicated. The reduction was 16 percent to 38,960 acres for the country as a whole with every State except Oregon sharing in the decrease. Dry weather retarded the development of the crop in some States early in the season but late June rains have improved conditions materially. The late domestic crop is the source of both the fresh market supply and a large proportion of the annual kraut pack. Fresh market shipment from the area usually begins in August. Current marketings are largely from the intermediate crop and market garden areas. Market prices in the third week of July averaged higher than both a month and a year earlier.

Cantaloupes: Owing to a slight increase in the planted acreage and a sharp increase in yields this year over 1938 the production of cantaloupes in the intermediate States totals 2.5 million crates or about 39 percent more than last year. It is nearly one-fifth larger than the 1928-37 average production for the area. The carlot movement of the early and second early crop has been progressing rapidly and in the third week of July was somewhat ahead of last year. Market prices of cantaloupes declined slightly during the first part of July but regained most of the loss in the third week when they averaged slightly lower than a year earlier. Prices of honeydews and honey balls declined seasonally during the early part of the month and the latter averaged lower than a year earlier in the third week.

Celery: The intermediate crop is indicated to total 1,350,000 crates (2/3 size) or about 8 percent more than was produced in this area in 1938 and 30 percent more than the recent 10-year average. Michigan shipments started earlier than usual this season with excellent quality while in New Jersey the intermediate crop was retarded by drought and is running in small sizes. Market prices have declined in recent weeks but in the third week of July averaged somewhat above a year earlier. Considerable quantities of eastern and mid-western celery is being shipped by motor truck.

Cucumbers: Although the intermediate acreage was reduced from last year, sharply increased yields per acre indicate that production is slightly larger or 1,116,000 bushels. All of the increase, however, occurs in Maryland and New Jersey where recent rains have greatly benefited crop development. Marketings from these areas have already started but as usual the carlot



movement in late July was relatively small because of motor-truck shipments. Market prices have declined more than seasonally in recent weeks, presumably due to the large supplies coming from home and market garden areas this season. In the third week of July they averaged somewhat below those of a year earlier.

Planting of cucumbers in the 2 late States, Michigan and New York, are reported to be about 10 percent larger than in 1938.

Lettuce: Despite a sharp increase in the planted acreage in the first section of late States, production is indicated to be slightly smaller than last year, only 3,430,000 crates. The smaller crop this season is due to low yields in California and Colorado, the 2 most important States in the group from an acreage standpoint. In California the crop has suffered somewhat from "tip-burn" which has resulted in a high percentage of 6 dozen crates being produced. In Colorado quality is reported as excellent. Carlot shipments of lettuce in recent weeks, coming largely from California and New York, have been heavier than a year earlier and market prices of western crates declined sharply in the third week of July. As compared with a year earlier, market prices were generally lower.

Onions: Production in the second section of intermediate States totals 710,000 bags of 100 pounds against 837,000 bags in 1938. The crop is sharply reduced in New Jersey, Virginia, Kentucky and Iowa but increased in Oklahoma and Washington. Marketings from Iowa are about completed while those from Oklahoma are just starting. Some shipments are also being made from the relatively large first intermediate crop and from some of the late States. Market prices of onions in the third week of July were slightly higher than a month earlier but most varieties averaged slightly lower than a year ago.

Green peppers: Production in the intermediate States of New Jersey and North Carolina, is indicated to total 1,858,000 bushels this season or about 6 percent more than in 1938 and 17 percent more than the recent 10-year average. Because of heavy marketings in recent weeks, largely by motor truck, market prices have declined sharply, particularly in New York City where the average for the third week of July was below that of a year earlier.

#### TRUCK CROPS FOR MANUFACTURE

The total acreage planted to 10 important truck crops for canning and manufacture in 1939 is indicated to be about 23 percent less than in 1938 and 33 percent less than the record high acreage planted in 1937. Reductions are indicated for each crop, with lima beans off 13 percent; snap beans, beets, sweet corn and cucumbers for pickles about 1/3; cabbage for kraut, 8 percent; green peas, 24 percent; pimientos, 14 percent; spinach, 22 percent; and tomatoes, 11 percent. The sharp decreases in acreage this season are due largely to the low level of prices for canned vegetables prevailing last season and to the relatively large supply of most of these

products available and expected to be carried over into the 1939-40 marketing season. Stocks of 6 of the important canned vegetables as of July 1 (June 1 for peas and California tomatoes) totaled 22.7 million cases, all size cans, as compared with 16.2 million cases of these same products a year earlier and about 6.3 million cases 2 years ago. Current stocks represent a little over one-fifth of the average annual disappearance of the last 2 seasons when prices were at relatively low levels.

Information concerning production is available for only snap beans, green peas and spinach. In the case of snap beans, production is indicated to be about one-third smaller than last year while that for green peas is down about 36 percent. Spinach production is indicated to be increased slightly. For the other important crops reports as of July 15 indicate that condition for lima beans and sweet corn was slightly higher than last year but slightly lower for beets, cabbage for kraut, cucumbers for pickles and pimientos.

#### DRY BEANS

Production of dry beans for 1939 is indicated to total 11.9 million bags of 100 pounds or about 22 percent less than the large crop produced in 1938 and 6 percent below the recent 10-year average. The smaller crop this season is due both to a reduced acreage remaining for harvest and to smaller indicated yields per acre.

On the basis of July 1 condition production is indicated to be smaller than last year in each of the major producing areas. In the area producing largely pea beans but also the major source of kidney beans, the total crop is about 23 percent smaller than in 1938. In the group of States producing largely Great Northerns production is indicated to be decreased 15 percent while the reduction in the Pinto area is 43 percent and in California, 14 percent. In Idaho which is an important source of both Great Northerns and Small Reds, production is down 14 percent from last year.

Although only incomplete information is available at this time concerning the stocks of old crop beans, the large total supply available for the 1938-39 season and relatively low prices prevailing during recent weeks would indicate that the carry-over at the end of the season probably will be unusually large but probably no larger than it was last season. Carry-over stocks are likely to be larger than last year in California and Idaho but smaller in other important areas. Last year's supply of 17.5 million bags, composed of 2.2 million bags carry-over, and 15.3 million bags new crop, was the largest on record. If the carry-over in 1939 is about the same as in 1938 the total supply for the 1939-40 season would be about 14.1 million bags or nearly one-fifth smaller than in 1938-39. Another favorable factor in the market situation for this year's crop is the prospect for somewhat better demand conditions in 1939-40 than prevailed in 1938-39.



Potatoes: Acreage, yield and production, commercial crop,  
average 1928-37, annual 1938, indicated 1939

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	:10-year:			:10-yr.:			:Indi-:		
	:average: 1938			:av. : 1938			:cated: average: 1938		
	:1928-37:			:28-37 :			: 1939:1928-37:		
	-Acres-			-Bushels-			-1,000 bushels-		
Fall and Winter:									
Florida, south	6,000	14,000	11,500	102	140	140	636	1,960	1,610
Texas .....	2,400	3,700	2,700	49	50	45	110	185	122
Group total ...	8,400	17,700	14,200	89	121	122	746	2,145	1,732
Early (1):									
Florida, north	19,400	17,400	15,200	112	127	102	2,170	2,217	1,554
Hastings .....	16,700	15,000	13,000	112	124	100	1,873	1,860	1,300
La Crosse .....	2,100	1,800	1,600	111	145	110	229	261	176
West .....	600	600	600	106	160	130	68	96	78
Texas, Low. Vy...	9,300	9,700	5,200	88	75	80	805	728	416
Group total ...	28,700	27,100	20,400	104	109	97	2,975	2,045	1,970
Early (2):									
Alabama .....	13,000	20,600	23,700	115	140	135	1,496	2,884	3,200
California .....	16,600	34,000	34,000	214	279	290	3,739	9,180	9,860
Georgia .....	1,600	1,400	1,600	137	130	130	220	182	208
Louisiana .....	22,200	26,000	24,000	73	75	61	1,640	1,950	1,464
Mississippi .....	1,900	4,500	3,500	93	80	80	181	360	280
South Carolina ..	13,500	12,000	12,500	145	155	155	1,965	1,860	1,938
Texas, other ....	13,300	10,200	9,200	67	52	65	890	532	600
Eagle Lake, Sugar-									
land, & Wharton:	9,000	4,000	3,000	63	37	45	603	148	135
Other Counties :	4,300	6,200	6,200	69	62	75	287	384	465
Group total ...	82,100	108,700	108,500	123	156	162	10,131	16,948	17,550
Second Early:									
Arkansas .....	4,900	4,600	4,500	88	100	98	427	460	441
North Carolina ..	33,700	34,000	38,000	141	150	116	4,772	5,100	4,408
Oklahoma .....	9,800	6,200	5,600	95	96	90	929	595	504
Tennessee .....	2,200	2,100	2,200	82	125	97	176	262	213
Group total ...	50,600	46,900	50,300	125	137	111	6,304	6,417	5,566
Intermediate (1):									
Kansas .....	14,200	12,000	12,600	133	170	130	1,888	2,040	1,638
Kaw Valley .....	13,400	11,550	12,100	126	170	130	1,753	1,964	1,573
Scott Co .....	800	450	500	167	170	130	135	76	65
Kentucky .....	5,100	2,700	3,100	95	165	153	471	446	474
Maryland .....	8,000	6,400	6,100	145	200	150	1,154	1,280	915
Missouri .....	5,800	6,000	5,700	138	175	120	791	1,050	684
Virginia .....	64,600	45,600	45,800	148	155	110	9,541	7,086	5,026
Norfolk dist....	10,900	10,000	9,500	146	145	110	1,585	1,450	1,045
Eastern Shore ..	50,300	33,200	33,900	146	160	110	7,503	5,312	3,729
Other .....	3,400	2,400	2,400	130	135	105	453	324	252
Group total ...	97,700	72,700	73,300	142	164	119	13,845	11,902	8,737
Intermediate (2):									
Nebraska .....	1,900	3,200	3,900	212	225	205	396	720	800
New Jersey .....	37,500	44,800	46,000	171	203	150	6,433	9,094	6,900
Group total ...	39,400	48,000	49,900	173	204	154	6,829	9,814	7,700
TOTAL ALL STATES :	306,900	321,100	316,600	133	156	137	40,830	50,171	43,255

Potatoes: Acreage, yield and production average 1928-37, annual  
1938 and indicated 1939

Group and classification	Acreage		Yield		Average		Ind.		Average		Production	
	Average 1928-37	1938	Average 1928-37	1938	Average 1928-37	1938	Ind. 1939	Average 1928-37	1938	Ind. 1939	Average 1928-37	1938
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Early												
Total .....	402.4	421.0	423.0	88.6	84.1	84.1	32,676	37,298	35,563			
Commercial .....	153.2	166.4	159.4	115.8	106.4	106.4	16,417	19,275	16,958			
Other .....	249.2	254.6	263.6	70.8	70.6	70.6	16,259	18,023	18,605			
Intermediate												
Total .....	329.0	291.0	292.0	130.3	101.0	101.0	35,284	37,923	29,492			
Commercial .....	135.2	117.5	119.3	178.7	131.1	131.1	20,278	20,996	15,637			
Other .....	193.8	173.5	172.7	97.6	80.2	80.2	15,006	16,927	13,855			
18 surplus late												
Total .....	2,191.6	1,937.7	1,993.9	132.9	131.9	131.9	264,397	257,614	262,907			
3 Eastern .....	617.6	578.0	568.0	161.1	167.7	167.7	99,557	88,442	95,265			
5 Central .....	1,052.7	863.0	894.0	96.7	94.5	94.5	87,023	83,474	84,510			
10 Western .....	521.3	496.7	531.9	172.5	156.3	156.3	77,817	85,698	83,132			
12 other late												
Total .....	420.3	369.9	365.4	104.8	104.3	104.3	39,900	38,782	38,112			
5 Eastern .....	59.9	61.4	63.2	132.8	147.3	147.3	8,630	8,155	9,307			
5 Central .....	352.6	299.0	294.0	99.6	96.0	96.0	30,688	29,792	28,210			
2 Western .....	7.8	9.5	8.2	87.9	72.6	72.6	582	835	595			
30 Late .....	2,611.96	2,307.6	2,359.3	128.4	127.6	127.6	304,298	296,396	301,019			
37 Late and intermediate												
Total .....	2,940.96	2,598.6	2,651.3	128.7	124.7	124.7	339,582	334,319	330,511			
U. S. total .....	3,343.36	3,019.6	3,074.3	123.1	119.1	119.1	372,258	371,617	366,074			
30 Late												
8 Eastern .....	677.5	639.4	631.2	151.1	165.7	165.7	108,187	96,597	104,572			
10 Central .....	1,405.3	1,162.0	1,188.0	97.5	94.9	94.9	117,711	113,266	112,720			
12 Western 1/ .....	512.5	472.2	506.1	163.8	146.0	146.0	74,660	77,353	73,867			
Total 1/ .....	2,595.3	2,273.6	2,325.3	128.3	125.2	125.2	300,559	287,216	291,159			
Calif. early. :	16.6	34.0	214.0	270.0	290.0	290.0	3,739	9,180	9,860			

1/ Excludes Calif. early.



Potatoes: Unweighted prices per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 grade when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Location and variety	Week ended					
	1938 :			1939		
	July 23:	June 24:	July 1 :	July 8 :	July 15:	July 22
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>F.o.b. usual terms</u>						
Pocomoke City, Md., and E.						
Shore Va, Pts. ....	--	1.38	1.71	2.02	1.62	1.53
<u>F.o.b. cash track</u>						
Orrick, Mo. ....	--	--	--	1.13	.81	1/ .58
Kaw. Valley, Kans. ....	.52	--	--	1.12	.96	1/ .82
<u>Terminal markets</u>						
New York						
Cobblers .....	1.01	1.49	1.72	2.15	1.77	1.66
White Rose, Calif. ....	2.30	2.37	2.45	2.75	2.72	2.65
Chicago (carlot sales)						
Cobblers, Va. ....	--	--	1.84	2.17	1.68	--
" Kans.and Mo. 1/ ...	.95	--	1.65	1.50	1.18	1.22
Bliss Triumphs, Idaho .....	1.82	--	--	2.49	1.98	1.74
" " Ark. & Okla. :	--	1.72	1.84	2.21	1.78	--
White Rose, Calif.....	1.88	1.91	2.09	2.25	2.11	2.34

1/ About 80 percent No. 1 grade.

Sweetpotatoes: acreage, yield, and production by groups of States, average 1928-37, annual 1938, and indicated 1939

Group of States	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average:	1928-:	1938 :	Average:	1928-:	1938 :	Average:	1928-:	1938 :
	37 :	37 :	37 :	37 :	37 :	37 :	37 :	37 :	37 :
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
4 Central Atlantic 1/:	66.8	61	62	125.5	107.9	122.5	8,382	6,580	7,595
4 Lower " 2/:	275.4	290	293	81.6	89.1	88.6	22,461	25,841	25,972
8 South Central 3/...	453.6	492	493	79.9	81.3	84.0	36,239	40,017	41,391
5 North " 4/...	28.8	27	27	86.5	99.6	98.3	2,491	2,688	2,655
California.....	10.8	13	12	103.0	117.0	110.0	1,116	1,521	1,320
Total U. S.	835.4	883	887	85.2	86.8	89.0	70,690	76,647	78,933

1/ N. J., Del., Md., and Va. 2/ N. C., S. C., Ga., and Fla. 3/ Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Okla., and Texas. 4/ Ind., Ill., Mo., and Kans.



Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to July 21, 1939

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year:				10-year:		
	average:	1938	1939		average:	1938	1939
	1928-37:				1928-37:		
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Asparagus 1/</u>				1,000			
Calif. ....	66,450	71,510	76,540	crates:	6,876	5,642	7,271
S.C. and Ga. ....	12,660	10,100	9,500	"	438	431	395
Total early ....	79,110	81,610	86,040	"	7,314	6,073	7,666
Late .....	26,040	31,740	35,500	"	2,402	3,746	3,696
All States .....	105,150	113,350	121,540	"	9,716	9,819	11,362
Total, excepting							
manuf. in Calif.	63,020	65,840	---	"	5,195	6,097	---
<u>Beans, snap, green</u>							
<u>and wax</u>				1,000			
Fall .....	14,980	15,000	20,500	bu.	1,313	1,475	2,788
Early (1) .....	18,210	30,000	30,000	"	1,555	2,550	2,550
Early (2) .....	28,830	30,600	23,200	"	2,462	2,753	2,004
Second early ....	22,540	28,400	26,300	"	1,382	1,538	1,702
Intermediate (1)..	16,170	24,000	25,070	"	1,090	1,433	1,446
Intermediate (2)..	12,110	11,500	10,600	"	1,176	1,037	914
Intermediate (3)..	---	7,350	7,250	"	---	691	676
All States .....	135,930	178,160	---	"	11,307	14,989	---
<u>Lima beans</u>							
Fall .....	230	---	---	"	20	---	---
Early .....	1,800	4,500	4,800	"	138	338	288
Second early ....	2,860	2,200	2,100	"	145	180	200
Intermediate (1)..	1,170	1,500	1,600	"	60	90	72
Intermediate (2)..	5,100	4,500	4,400	"	349	264	321
All States .....	10,650	13,350	---	"	651	904	---
<u>Beets</u>							
Early .....	5,460	6,100	6,600	"	808	854	858
Second early ....	2,500	1,800	1,550	"	353	272	222
Intermediate ....	2,400	2,600	2,300	"	637	702	538
All States .....	10,650	10,870	---	"	1,899	1,928	---
<u>Cabbage 1/</u>							
Fall .....	1,250	2,600	2,600	Tons	8,300	16,800	15,800
Early .....	42,920	46,100	54,600	"	227,900	237,400	273,900
Second early ....	16,180	22,200	18,100	"	86,400	137,400	83,200
Intermediate ....	29,620	34,140	33,440	"	174,600	222,400	208,900
Late (domestic)..	39,460	46,570	38,960	"	303,000	511,500	
Late (Danish) ....	36,030	35,180	*32,000	"	282,200	370,300	
All States .....	165,460	186,790	179,700	"	1,082,400	1,495,800	
For market .....	145,090	169,540	---	"	928,600	1,303,600	
For kraut .....	20,370	17,250	---	"	153,800	192,200	
<u>Cantaloups</u>				1,000			
Early .....	37,020	28,700	33,040	crates:	5,432	5,204	5,084
Second early ....	39,500	47,750	52,000	"	4,889	5,100	4,803
Intermediate ....	20,680	24,800	25,350	"	2,125	1,820	2,535
Late .....	19,070	22,000	21,500	"	2,513	2,887	---
All States .....	116,270	123,250	131,890	"	14,959	15,011	

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to July 21, 1939-continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year				10-year		
	average	1938	1939		average	1938	1939
	1928-37				1928-37		
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Carrots</u>				:1,000			
Fall .....	5,200	8,750	8,600	bu.	2,583	4,375	4,128
Early .....	9,460	9,350	8,900	"	1,713	1,394	1,560
Second early ...	10,710	15,620	15,650	"	4,238	6,287	6,158
Intermediate ...	1,670	1,730	1,570	"	452	441	370
All States ....	32,780	43,320		"	11,587	15,775	
<u>Cauliflower</u>				:1,000			
Fall and winter..	9,070	8,050	7,800	crates	2,369	2,550	2,259
Early .....	8,080	8,240	7,680	"	2,162	2,614	2,286
Late (1) .....	7,520	7,840	7,750	"	1,625	1,955	
All States ....	28,460	28,630		"	6,993	8,401	
<u>Celery</u>							
Fall and winter..	7,270	9,750	9,250	"	1,282	2,048	1,758
Early .....	6,330	9,200	8,100	"	2,088	2,742	2,277
Second early ...	3,090	3,950	3,650	"	1,118	1,617	1,354
Intermediate ...	4,000	4,670	4,640	"	1,039	1,249	1,350
All States ....	33,810	41,550		"	9,123	11,868	
<u>Corn</u>				:1,000			
N. J. ....	24,000	22,500	25,800	ears	116,090	110,250	123,840
<u>Cucumbers</u>				:1,000			
Fall .....	1,550	2,000	1,800	bu.	115	100	108
Early (1) .....	12,710	10,600	12,000	"	891	1,041	877
Early (2) .....	12,460	12,200	11,400	"	1,194	1,216	1,292
Second early ...	6,550	5,400	5,400	"	561	450	411
Intermediate ...	8,190	8,600	8,000	"	1,058	1,038	1,116
Late (1) .....	2,290	3,510	3,860	"	244	645	
All States ....	44,980	43,510		"	4,153	4,595	---
<u>Eggplant</u>							
Fall .....	1,220	1,450	1,500	"	191	195	250
Early .....	880	800	600	"	266	320	210
Second early ...	420	970	870	"	61	146	91
Late .....	1,060	1,200	1,200	"	283	300	
All States ....	3,580	4,420	4,170	"	801	961	
<u>Kale</u>							
Virginia .....	1,780	1,050	700	"	619	514	280
<u>Lettuce</u>				:1,000			
Early .....	44,190	37,000	36,500	crates	5,259	4,776	4,342
Second early ...	48,090	53,400	70,050	"	5,382	5,804	7,396
Intermediate ...	4,800	3,870	4,360	"	939	809	826
Late (1) .....	25,790	24,550	27,620	"	3,576	3,483	3,430
All States ....	154,280	149,340	---	"	19,433	19,270	---

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to July 21, 1939- Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage				Unit	Production		
	10-year					10-year		
	average	1938	1939			average	1938	1939
	1928-37					1928-37		
<u>Onions 2/</u>	Acres	Acres	Acres	1,000				
Early (Bermudas) ..	46,580	64,080	58,950	sacks		2,202	2,168	1,928
Intermediate (1) ..	11,790	13,600	15,500	"		807	768	1,008
Intermediate (2) ..	6,430	5,810	6,940	"		874	837	710
Late .....	52,740	54,440	57,970	"		9,914	11,142	
All States .....	117,540	137,930	139,360	"		13,797	14,915	
<u>Peas</u>				1,000				
Early .....	9,360	15,700	14,400	bu.		642	1,330	1,190
Second early .....	40,020	34,950	41,550	"		2,648	2,181	3,204
Intermediate (1) ..	5,990	6,000	5,400	"		405	420	339
Intermediate (2) ..	3,920	4,440	5,340	"		250	337	410
Late (1) .....	21,120	24,930	27,780	"		2,095	2,530	2,853
All States .....	97,350	103,890	---	"		7,359	8,348	
<u>Green peppers</u>								
Fall .....	2,340	3,800	4,400	"		427	473	550
Early, winter ....	2,530	3,000	2,500	"		662	1,020	750
" , spring ....	3,060	2,400	2,400	"		643	840	840
Second early .....	1,770	1,620	1,500	"		291	338	207
Intermediate .....	6,720	8,300	8,700	"		1,585	1,753	1,858
All States .....	17,480	21,070	---	"		3,960	4,970	---
<u>Shallots 3/</u>								
La. ....	---	5,700	5,700	"		---	490	627
<u>Spinach</u>								
Fall .....	2,700	2,700	3,000	"		747	972	1,020
Early .....	38,410	44,840	40,450	"		7,304	6,578	7,266
Second early .....	8,900	8,700	9,190	"		2,551	2,611	2,849
Intermediate .....	730	1,450	1,230	"		94	191	141
All States .....	57,250	66,690	---	"		12,472	12,526	---
<u>Tomatoes</u>								
Fall .....	5,700	9,000	7,300	"		346	350	556
Early (1) .....	12,750	15,500	15,500	"		1,448	2,945	2,015
Early (2) .....	28,150	41,000	39,600	"		2,048	3,562	3,378
Second early .....	39,680	62,400	52,250	"		3,528	4,088	3,788
Intermediate 4/ ..	31,580	36,500	37,700	"		3,650	4,477	4,497
New Jersey 4/ ....	10,780	12,000	11,500	"		2,014	1,800	---
Late (1) .....	32,550	35,800	36,200	"		4,744	5,774	---
All States .....	169,500	222,200	---	"		18,685	24,546	---
<u>Watermelons</u>				1,000				
Early .....	34,470	29,500	27,000	melons		12,456	10,265	8,610
Second early .....	160,370	164,800	169,100	"		36,378	33,308	29,659
Late .....	54,000	68,650	71,990	"		19,185	26,356	
All States .....	248,840	262,950	268,090	"		68,019	69,929	

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to July 21, 1939-continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year				10-year		
	average	1938	1939		average	1938	1939
	1928-37				1928-37		
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Total acreage							
planted and in-							
tended as report-							
ed to July 21	1,464,760	1,645,600	1,669,990				
Total acreage, in-							
termediate and							
late, as report-							
ed to July 21 5/	659,850	729,330	742,620				

1/ Included undetermined quantities of production used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.

2/ Estimates for Texas have been revised to an actual acreage basis as contrasted with earlier reports which took into account difference in widths of rows.

3/ Not included in totals.

4/ New Jersey is excluded from intermediate group total because the tomato crop there is very late this season. Production estimate not yet available.

5/ Excludes late asparagus but includes second early watermelons.

\* Intended.

Truck crops for manufacture: Commercial acreage and production,  
annual 1937-39, condition as of July 15

Commodity	Planted acreage			Production			Condition as of July 15	
	1937	1938	Prelim. 1939	1937	1938	Prelim. 1939	1938	1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Pct.	Pct.
Beans, lima..	46,670	55,010	47,790	23,220	28,310		80.9	85.4
" snap..	69,780	76,110	51,710	105,300	128,100	86,200		
Beets.....	13,700	12,430	8,330	62,560	62,000		86.8	79.2
Cabbage, for:								
kraut.....	26,020	18,600	17,070	148,900	192,200		91.7	84.7
Corn, sweet..	461,850	360,370	240,850	978,100	876,000		83.3	87.7
Cucumbers, :								
pickles...:	119,830	88,600	58,340	193,130	146,690		81.2	78.6
Peas, green..	354,420	334,920	253,720	268,110	302,540	193,170		
Pimientos...:	14,090	23,300	20,150	19,030	29,320		85.4	74.7
Spinach 1/...:	24,720	17,470	13,600	53,900	30,400	35,600		
Tomatoes.....	473,200	408,660	365,140	1,926,300	1,724,200		82.1	82.5
Total.....	1,604,250	1,395,520	1,076,700	3,778,550	3,539,760			

1/ Harvested.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings July 1, 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	July 1, 1938	June 1, 1939	July 1, 1939
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Asparagus.....	3,741	6,089	7,393
Beans, lima.....	3,433	8,911	8,350
Beans, snap.....	2,222	4,449	4,192
Broccoli, green.....	601	1,007	1,015
Corn, sweet.....	2,019	4,781	4,390
Peas, green.....	11,415	14,463	19,274
Spinach.....	2,586	2,103	2,922
Other vegetables.....	7,564	2,020	1,880
Classification not reported.....	1/	3,752	3,683
Total.....	33,581	47,575	53,099

1/ Included under "others".

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1938	1939				
		July 23	June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, N. J., medium ..	Crates, (1doz bunches)	---	1.65	1.54	1.41	1.22	2.28
Asparagus, Pa., medium ....	" " "	---	2.08	1.75	1.75	---	---
Beans, lima .....	Bushel	1.58	1.52	2.20	3.15	2.97	1.67
Beans, snap, green, Eastern	"	.73	1.81	1.38	.72	.64	.93
Beans, snap, wax, Eastern .	"	1.04	2.20	1.58	.89	.94	1.20
Beets, bunched, Pa. ....	Crate	.43	.55	.53	.50	.33	.36
Cabbage, domestic, Eastern.	1½ bu. hamp.	.71	.87	.75	.57	.76	1.03
Cantaloupes, Sal. Meats ...	jumbos 36's	3.30	3.02	2.72	2.37	2.72	3.03
	std. 45's	---	---	---	---	---	---
Carrots, bunched, Western .	West. crate	2.81	2.90	2.92	2.69	2.56	2.91
Carrots, topped, Texas ....	Bushel	---	1.78	1.95	1.75	1.25	---
Cauliflower, N. Y. ....	Crate	1.83	---	---	1.78	1.69	2.08
Cauliflower, Western .....	Pony crate	1.76	1.66	1.56	1.21	1.57	1.70
Celery, N. Y. and N. J. ...	½ crate	1.08	2.90	3.50	2.60	1.60	1.50
Celery, Calif. ....	" "	1.78	3.73	4.46	3.00	2.04	---
Corn, green, Fla. and Ga. .	1½ bu. crate	---	1.51	1.53	1.93	---	---
Corn, yellow, N. J. ....	Bushel	1.05	---	---	1.95	1.38	1.03
Corn, white, N. J. ....	"	.49	---	---	1.06	.62	.53
Cucumbers .....	"	.78	2.17	2.54	1.24	.56	.53
Eggplant .....	1½ bu. crate	1.60	1.25	1.71	1.81	1.92	1.61
Honey balls, Calif. ....	jumbos 36's	3.12	3.48	3.19	2.99	2.88	2.88
	std. 45's	---	---	---	---	---	---
Honey dews, Calif. ....	std. crt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
	9's and 12's	1.66	2.29	1.98	1.54	1.71	1.77
Lettuce, iceberg, Calif. ..	West. crate	4.23	3.62	3.79	4.35	4.35	3.10
Lettuce, big Boston, N. Y..	2 doz. crate	.65	.64	.58	.46	.48	.48
Onions, Yellow, Bermuda ...	50-lb. sack	1.21	.94	1.10	1.16	1.09	---
Onions, Sw. Sp., Calif. ...	" " "	1.58	---	1.21	1.20	1.16	1.04
Peas, Western .....	Bushel	1.92	1.59	1.76	1.67	1.87	1.96
Peas, N. Y. and N. J. ....	"	1.17	1.08	1.00	.96	.65	1.10
Peppers .....	"	.98	2.31	1.80	1.58	1.12	.82
Spinach, Pa. ....	"	.88	.54	.45	.68	.91	.76
Sweetpotatoes:							
Jersey type, N. J. (old).	"	1.35	1.84	1.79	2.22	2.06	2.25
Puerto Rican, N. C. (old)	"	---	1.50	1.60	1.52	1.50	1.62
Triumph, Fla., (new) ....	"	1.69	---	---	2.00	2.00	2.16
Nancy Hall, Tenn., (new).	"	---	---	---	---	1.31	1.44
Tomatoes .....	lug	.68	1.80	1.68	1.34	.92	.93
Watermelons, auction							
26 - 28 lb. av. ....	Bulk per car	296.00	460.00	486.00	334.00	284.00	251.00



Truck Crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks, 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1938	1939				
		July 23	June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, snap green, Ill....	Bushel	.97	1.29	1.06	.92	.65	1.10
" wax "	"	.96	1.59	1.38	--	--	--
Cabbage, domestic.....	Western crate	.86	.97	.66	.70	.55	.75
Cantaloupes, salmon meat, :	Jumbos, 36s,						
Ariz.....	std. 45s	2.86	2.94	2.82	2.51	2.76	2.64
Carrots, bunched, western:	Western crate	2.18	2.57	2.28	2.16	2.38	2.51
Cauliflower, western.....	Pony crate	1.42	1.54	1.52	1.71	1.34	1.34
Celery, Michigan.....	Flat crate	.37			.61	.54	.56
Corn, Ala.....	Crate (5 Doz.)	--	1.55	1.24	1.25	--	--
Cucumbers.....	Bushel	1.22	2.15	1.94	1.01	1.42	1.02
Eggplant, La.....	"	1.18	1.33	1.18	1.17	1.08	1.34
Honey balls, Pink meats, :	Jumbos 36s,						
Calif.....	std. 45s	2.82	--	3.10	2.77	2.52	2.46
Honeydews.....	6s & 12s	1.45	1.90	1.71	1.52	1.58	1.62
Lettuce, iceberg, western:	Western crate	2.84	3.32	3.29	4.00	3.55	2.46
" big Boston, N. Y. :	2 doz. crate	.80		.90	.63	.83	.80
Onions, Yellow.....	50 lb. sack	1.12	.85	1.01	1.00	1.02	1.09
" " Iowa	" " "	.49			.72	.74	.75
Peas, western.....	Bushel	1.96	1.44	1.52	1.62	1.71	1.75
Peppers.....	"	1.05	2.12	1.66	1.30	1.50	1.18
Spinach.....	"	.70			1.00	1.00	1.12
Sweetpotatoes, Nancy Halls							
Tenn. (old).....	Bushel	1.07	1.08	1.22	1.22	1.18	1.08
" , Triumph,							
Ala. (new).....	"	1.32				2.20	1.75
Tomatoes.....	Lug	.98	2.05	1.66	1.42	1.64	1.66
Watermelons, 26-28 lb. av:	Per melon	.30	.49	.54	.40	.32	.28

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended July 22 with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended					
	1938	1939				
	July 23	June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Beans, snap and lima .....	13	25	13	3	3	8
Cabbage .....	44	34	14	21	25	53
Cantaloupes .....	767	1,699	1,526	809	976	785
Carrots .....	60	378	207	140	134	197
Casaba melons .....	1	0	0	2	0	0
Cauliflower, old .....	0	4	5	0	0	0
Cauliflower, new .....	12	1	15	28	19	7
Celery .....	87	129	71	82	80	69
Corn, green .....	1	93	52	9	2	0
Cucumbers .....	41	103	68	132	125	43
Egg plant .....	0	17	9	3	1	0
Honey Ball melons .....	118	106	141	133	118	65
Honey Dew melons .....	481	358	464	360	222	189
Lettuce and Romaine .....	815	723	639	812	1,058	1,003
Mixed melons .....	24	124	64	25	14	7
Mixed vegetables .....	231	220	201	211	200	221
Onions .....	254	382	372	207	282	270
Peas, green .....	93	233	234	167	183	160
Peppers .....	14	49	41	25	6	10
Spinach .....	11	8	6	4	4	18
Sweetpotatoes, old .....	0	15	10	7	3	0
Sweetpotatoes, new .....	100	0	3	41	67	62
Tomatoes .....	206	1,247	1,020	622	427	207
Turnips and rutabagas .....	1	5	1	8	3	5
Watermelons .....	1,275	1,403	2,115	3,480	2,238	1,203
Total truck crops <u>1/</u> .....	4,649	<u>2/</u> 7,362	7,351	7,331	6,190	4,582
Potatoes, total .....	1,947	5,091	4,208	4,229	2,789	1,701
Early .....	444	3,712	2,219	1,059	389	257
Intermediate (1939) .....	1,024	1,108	1,845	2,835	2,047	1,070
Late, old .....	0	258	88	25	2	3
Late, new .....	479	13	56	310	351	371
Grand total all vegetables <u>1/</u> ...	6,596	<u>2/</u> 12,453	11,559	11,560	8,979	6,283
Relief - Onions .....	7	78	35	2	0	0
Potatoes .....	379	0	0	0	0	0

1/ Does not include imports.

2/ Includes 6 cars old crop carrots.

Beans, dry edible: Acreage, yield, and production, by groups of States, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939

Group of States	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Av.			Av.		Indi-	Av.		Indi-
	1928-	1938	1939	1928-	1938	cated:	1928-	1938	cated
	37			37		1939	37		1939
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	bags	bags	bags
Me., Vt., N.Y., Mich.,									
Wis., and Minn. 1/	720	646	601	689.7	953.3	785.5	4,966	6,158	4,721
Nebr., Mont., Idaho,									
Wyo., and Oreg. 2/	200	193	179	1126.3	1271.5	1161.5	2,247	2,454	2,079
Kans., Colo., N.Mex.,									
and Ariz. 3/	499	489	453	339.3	428.0	262.7	1,693	2,093	1,190
Calif. 4/	321	343	329	1159.0	1330.0	1188.0	3,736	4,563	3,907
Total U.S.	1,740	1,671	1,562	730.6	913.7	761.7	12,638	15,268	11,897
1/ Largely pea beans, but most important source of supply of Red Kidney, Yelloweye, and Cranberry.									
2/ Largely Great Northern, but Idaho most important source of supply of Small Reds.									
3/ Largely Pinto.									
4/ Miscellaneous varieties - mostly Lima, Baby Lima, Blackéye, Small White and Pink.									

Beans, dry edible: United States average price per 100 pounds received by farmers, by months, average 1932-37, annual 1934-38

Month	Average : 1932-37 :	1934-35 :	1935-36 :	1936-37 :	1937-38 :	1938-39 :
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Sept.	3.32	3.83	3.08	4.35	3.52	2.68
Oct.	3.22	3.83	2.89	4.83	3.37	2.54
Nov.	3.21	3.56	2.67	5.30	2.77	2.47
Dec.	3.11	3.43	2.44	5.49	2.88	2.48
Jan.	3.25	3.51	2.61	5.87	3.02	2.58
Feb.	3.42	3.50	2.85	6.43	2.97	2.55
Mar.	3.44	3.62	2.86	6.32	2.92	2.54
Apr.	3.50	3.63	3.00	6.10	2.84	2.54
May	3.60	3.62	3.02	5.85	2.93	2.77
June	3.54	3.54	2.96	5.66	3.00	2.66
July	3.68	3.41	3.76	5.35	3.30	
Aug.	3.72	3.26	4.33	4.46	2.94	
Weighted						
Average	3.32	3.52	2.93	5.38	3.05	



Beans, dry edible: Average wholesale prices at New York City and f.o.b. quotations at Colorado and Idaho shipping points

(100 pound bags)

Period	Wholesale price, New York City								F.o.b. quotations 1/			
	Marrow		Calif. : lima.		Pea		Red : kidney		: Colo. points		: Idaho points	
	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: Dol.
	: 1937	: 1938	: 1937	: 1938	: 1937	: 1938	: 1937	: 1938	: 1937	: 1938	: 1937	: 1938
Sept.	: 6.86	5.33	6.84	5.42	4.29	3.12	4.96	3.86	4.38	3.60	3.63	2.31
Oct.	: 5.99	5.11	6.29	5.34	4.00	2.90	5.63	4.17	4.41	3.82	2.91	2.23
Nov.	: 5.35	4.72	5.83	5.31	3.33	2.72	4.55	3.57	3.82	3.83	2.57	2.31
Dec.	: 4.73	4.47	5.62	5.27	3.44	2.66	4.50	3.29	4.12	4.02	2.66	2.29
	: 1938	: 1939	: 1938	: 1939	: 1938	: 1939	: 1938	: 1939	: 1938	: 1939	: 1938	: 1939
Jan.	: 4.76	4.61	5.54	5.25	3.63	2.75	4.45	3.38	4.38	4.25	2.76	2.25
Feb.	: 5.70	5.21	5.50	5.25	3.68	2.75	4.28	3.23	4.13	4.15	2.69	2.25
Mar.	: 6.04	5.32	5.40	5.14	3.47	2.75	4.10	3.10	4.36	4.18	2.62	2.20
Apr.	: 6.08	5.02	5.40	5.15	3.39	2.78	3.90	2.98	4.44	4.38	2.66	2.39
May	: 5.90	4.95	5.45	5.36	3.46	3.04	3.83	3.67	5.12	4.38	2.78	2.65
June	: 7.77	4.89	5.55	5.39	3.46	2.98	4.18	3.78	5.71	3.82	2.85	2.57
July	: 8.38		5.73		3.67		4.72		5.76		3.02	
Aug.	: 8.05		5.66		3.21		4.22		4.78		2.76	
Week ended												
June 17	: 8.12	4.90	5.56	5.40	3.42	2.98	4.17	3.81	5.55	---	2.80	---
24	: 8.38	4.88	5.50	5.35	3.40	2.90	4.25	3.70	5.85	3.65	2.90	---
July 1	: 8.38	4.86	5.50	5.37	3.59	2.90	4.25	3.70	5.90	3.70	2.95	2.42
8	: 8.38	4.85	5.75	5.40	3.68	2.90	4.75	3.70	5.85	3.80	3.00	---
15	: 8.38	4.85	5.75	5.40	3.74	2.90	4.83	3.70	5.85	3.78	3.00	2.48
22	: 8.38	4.68	5.75	5.40	3.70	2.97	4.75	3.53	5.75	3.82	3.10	2.48

1/ Prices are for Wednesday of week shown.

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